

**Commission on Aging  
Public Policy Committee Minutes  
March 9, 2023, 9:30 – 11:00  
By Zoom**

**Agenda**

**Attendance:** Janice Zalen, Barbara Selter, Morris Klein, Ryan Wilson, Joyce Dubow, Pazit Aviv, Wayne Berman, David Engel

County is following the Elder Abuse bill in the MDGA. Bill creates a task force. SB797/HB1191 would require a Task Force to study existing laws, policies, and practices relating to elder abuse and other crimes. Also following the Dementia Care Navigator bill SB228/HB614.

Discussed County bills on rent stabilization and anti-gouging bills.

It was noted that the CoA supported Hearing Aid bill (SB397/HB1145) which were not acted on by the respective Committees.

The PPC discussed the CoA FY24 Budget Priorities and decided to further discuss talking points on 3-20-23. Tremayne will be contacting Councilmembers and setting up individual meetings for the CoA to brief CM's on the top priorities.

Wayne discussed Telehealth demonstration, Passenger safety and sensitivity program, & Gap filling transportation program. For talking points, the Executive Committee will work on coordinating FY24 requests while acknowledging ARPA funds may have been used to satisfy some of the requests.

The Committee discussed the current status of bills in the general assembly and the process for moving (or not) through the legislature.

Nursing homes: The Committee discussed whether there should be follow up from the meeting with the Moore transition team. It was mentioned that Del. Reznick should be contacted first if we have heard anything from the Sec. of Health. It was also mentioned to check in with Ariana Kelly (now Sen Kelly) and CM Kate Stewart. There is no new news from Leslie Frey on this issue.

The Committee discussed the terms of the PPC Chairs and the fact that a succession plan would be helpful. It was also discussed that a nominating Committee needs to be formed since the openings for CoA are published online.